

CLAIMANT
AN IMPOSTORIs Not Daniel Blake Russell,
Says Judge

DECISION GIVEN TODAY

Sensational Will Contest Taken a More
Sensational Turn When Decision Is
Given—Third of Russell For-
tune Already Spent.

Boston, April 12.—Judge George F. Lawson of the probate court at East Cambridge, after a one and a half hour's review of the Russell will case, decided today that the North Dakota claimant to half the \$700,000 property of the late Daniel Blake Russell, of Melrose, Mass., is not Daniel Blake Russell. Judge Lawson announced this decision after only twenty-two hours' consideration of a case which has taken 194 days to try.

Following the decision District Attorney Higgins and the police refused to state whether there would be any arrests. The claimant and counsel refused to say whether any further steps would be taken, and William C. Russell and friends refused to say whether they would recognize "Fresno Dan."

Judge Lawson based his decision on these facts: That "Dakota Dan" referred to Edward Fresno, a boyhood chum of Danny Russell, and "Fresno" and that he said William Russell's middle name was Clifford, when really it was William Clifton Russell; also on his forgetting the name of Bertha York, the girl who bade Danny Russell a last good-bye when he left the Melrose home.

Judge Lawson found further that the allegations of conspiracy, perjury and forgery against the Pinkertons and others on William's side were too broad and general for belief. He said that in the case the claimant mentioned the names of Lizzie Vio and others in northern New York, whom James D. Rousseau did not know and whom Daniel Blake Russell could not have known. This was the only indication by Judge Lawson that he believes the Dakota claimant is really Rousseau.

Thousands thronged the court when Judge Lawson started in at ten o'clock, as he had promised yesterday, to review the case from notes. Every corridor was jammed with people. "Dakota Dan," the counsel and partisans of both sides followed the review of Judge Lawson intently. It is said that one-fifth of the Daniel Russell estate has been paid in settling the claim of "Dakota Dan."

With the final argument of State Senator L. A. Simpson of Dickinson, N. D., for the claimant, and that of R. W. Nelson for the executors of the will, Judge Lawson had heard nearly five million words since the trial began on Sept. 20. Almost 400 witnesses had testified for or against the claimant. The judge has had over 300 exhibits to assist him in deciding the case. Senator Simpson's closing words yesterday were almost venomous in his declaration that someone should suffer, and he was particularly bitter against Executive F. C. Almy, Miss Sarah Almy, a sister, and Messrs. J. K. Berry and E. B. Upton, the personal counsel for Mr. Almy. Mr. Simpson charged forgery, conspiracy, embezzlement and fraud. He called on high heaven to right the wrong, which he claimed these persons had done to his client.

The claims of the second aspirant to half the Russell property, the Fresno, Cal., fruit picker, will be pressed by able counsel. Already the Russell family are said to have accepted him as Daniel Blake Russell, the rightful heir, but he, too, must go before the courts, and perhaps this same Judge Lawson, to prove his case. Again the little courtroom will echo with expert testimony and the wrangling of highly paid lawyers, until the three-quarters of a million dollar estate which the old Melrose merchant left to his son, William, conditionally on the possible appearance of his lost son, will have been devoured and only the honor of winning the case will be left.

THOUSAND MEN FOUGHT FIRE

And Saved Big Refinery Near Butler,
Pennsylvania.

Butler, Pa., April 12.—A thousand men formed a bucket brigade at Patrolia yesterday afternoon and successfully fought a fire which threatened great loss. Telephone communication with the settlement was cut off for a time and it was reported that the entire plant of Stern & Co., oil refiners, had been destroyed at a loss of \$200,000.

The volunteers, assisted by a department from a nearby section, saved all the main buildings and only the ware house was destroyed at a loss of about \$20,000. A car of benzine was saved from explosion, by wet blankets.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Wife of Postmaster Was Beaten by
Thieves.

Oil City, Pa., April 12.—The post-office at Coal Hill, near here, was entered by thieves early last evening and about \$350 in money was taken. Postmaster James Straup and his wife interposed the robbery and succeeded in recovering part of the money but in the battle Mrs. Straup was badly beaten and is in a serious condition. Postoffice inspectors have been sent to the section with bloodhounds.

TEN OF CREW DROWNED.

When Pilot Boat, Hired to Sink, Sank
Between St. Bruno and Frelch.

Paris, April 12.—Ten of the pilot boat hired to sink between St. Bruno and Frelch.

HID BEHIND CHIMNEY.

Man Wanted for Bigamy in New York
Arrested in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, April 12.—Found hiding behind a chimney on the roof of a house in Rock Lodge, a suburb, Franklin Fair of this city was arrested yesterday and held to await requisition from New York, where it is said he is wanted for bigamy and jumping a bail bond of \$2500.

Five suburban police made the arrest. The house on the top of which he was arrested is owned by Mrs. Isabella Anderson, who, it is said, signed the New York bond, which Fair is alleged to have signed.

The information which led to the arrest was given by a woman, whose name is withheld. The warrant charging bigamy was obtained by a New York woman, whose name is not known here.

COUPLE KILLED
IN THEIR AUTOMOBILETrain Struck Machine at Hadley, Mass.,
Late Yesterday. They Died
Instantly.

Hadley, Mass., April 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Gerry, prominent residents of this town, were instantly killed late yesterday when the automobile in which they were riding was demolished by a Central Massachusetts passenger train at the Middle street grade crossing in this town. The train derailed the automobile into the air.

When the machine crashed down at one side of the track it was a tangled mass of wreckage, with its occupants crushed beneath it. The accident occurred where Mr. and Mrs. Gerry were on their way from Northampton to their home in North Hadley.

Mr. Gerry, who was about 50 years old, cultivated a large tobacco plantation and was well-to-do. His wife, about five years younger, was a graduate of Mount Holyoke college. Mr. Gerry was prominent locally, having held among other offices that of selectman.

HE IS WANTED IN VERMONT.

Clarence W. Emerson Ran Into the Arms
of Local Policemen.

Manchester, N. H., April 12.—Clarence W. Emerson, 18 years of age, was arrested yesterday morning on Elm street by Boston police, charged with the murder of Miss Martha Blackstone, which he is charged with having committed in the city of Windsor, Vt., on a charge of grand larceny. It is alleged that Emerson stole a revolver and a quantity of jewelry from a house in Weatherfield, Vt. The arrest came about unexpectedly.

It appears that Emerson was running away from a man from whom, it is said, he stole some money several years ago. On Elm street he ran directly into the outstretched arms of the watching policemen.

It is said that Emerson was at one time known to the Manchester police, and left the city about a year ago.

ROOSEVELT WILL
STAND BY PINCHOTEx-President to Father Deposed For-
ester's Cause at Meeting of National
Conservation League—Neither Will
Give Out Conversation.

Porto Maurizio, Italy, April 12.—Ex-President Roosevelt today accepted Alfred Pinchot's personal invitation to address the meeting of the National Conservation League. Both are still silent, but the significance of his acceptance is taken to mean that Roosevelt, having heard from Pinchot on the Ballinger controversy, will father his cause without waiting for the Taft-Ballinger explanations.

The conservation meeting will probably be held in Kansas City in September. This has been another perfect day for Roosevelt, who while walking in the park, was surrounded by the villagers with bouquets of roses and violets.

MORTOWN.

Death of Mrs. Charles Freeman On Her
65th Birthday.

Mrs. Charles Freeman passed away Friday afternoon, April 9, after only four days' illness with pneumonia. Her death occurred on her 65th birthday. Though of a quiet, unassuming disposition, her winning ways made many friends. She was one whom to know was to love, and will be greatly missed in the community and the church, of which she had been a member for many years.

But most of all will she be missed in the family circle, where her sweet influence has been the light of the home. Besides her husband, who is in poor health, she leaves two sons, Lewis and Herbert, of Mortown, and two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Hathaway of Mortown and Mrs. Guy Howe of Northfield. Funeral services were conducted from her late home Monday afternoon, Rev. G. F. Crawford, her pastor, officiating, with burial in the family lot in the village cemetery.

Ralph Farnsworth, who was very ill last week with bronchitis is recovering.

Mrs. C. W. Guyette of South Fayston was a guest of Mrs. P. E. Griffith Monday.

Miss Daisy Atkins has been ill with measles. Several more have been exposed to the disease.

Mrs. Herbert Freeman was in Northfield last week, caring for Mrs. Norman Nye, her mother, who was ill.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford and little granddaughter, Freda Bliss, of Jericho, were guests of Rev. G. F. Crawford a part of last week.

Rev. G. F. Crawford was in Middlesex Sunday forenoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Silas Mead. Burial was in Watfield.

Everett Tuttle and son of Dickinson, N. Y., made a short visit last week at the home of L. Wilcox. Walter Wilcox accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alger and children went to Starksboro Thursday, where they were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alger, the remainder of the week.

GIRL SLASHED
BY STRANGERBrutal Assault on Street at
Salem, Mass.

ASSAILANT WAS CAPTURED

Girl's Father, a Veteran, Dropped Dead
from Shock as He Saw Her Rush
into the House, Dripping
with Blood.

Salem, Mass., April 12.—Jerome Marrotto, who murderously assaulted Miss Jennie C. Langdell, of 22 Notch street, with a razor late last night, was held today by Judge Sears in \$10,000 bail for the grand jury. The girl is prostrated with her wounds and over the death of her father, who fell, a corpse, over her body, overcome by the sight of his daughter's dripping wound.

The slaying took place on the street when Miss Langdell spurned the advances of Marrotto, and he, made angry, slashed her across the forehead with the razor. Miss Langdell ran home, and the shock of seeing her running in was too much for her father, George W. Langdell, who dropped dead. He was a Civil war veteran.

Marrotto was caught by a policeman. When searched a razor, smeared with blood, was found on him, and near the scene of the assault the police picked up a fully-loaded 38-caliber revolver. Although severely wounded Miss Langdell is expected to recover.

SPENCER WILL
WAIVE RIGHTSSpringfield Brigand Prefers to Go Di-
rect to the Grand Jury, Inquest
To Be Held To-day.

Springfield, Mass., April 12.—Bertram G. Spencer, charged with the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone, has decided to waive examination when his case is called in the police court next Friday morning, to which date it was continued for hearing.

There will, therefore, be no hearing and the case will go directly to the grand jury. This disposition of the case in the lower court will postpone the giving of testimony relating to Spencer's confession, covering the murder and the long series of burglaries, until the case comes before the superior court.

District Attorney S. S. Taft said yesterday afternoon that everything is ready for the inquest on the death of Miss Martha Blackstone, which will be held before Judge H. W. Bowditch to-day.

The most important witnesses will be Mrs. Sarah Dow and her daughter, Miss Lucy Dow, who witnessed the tragedy on Round Hill. Miss Harriet Dow, who was also shot and seriously injured on the same night, is still confined to the Springfield hospital and will not be able to attend the inquest.

Mayor E. H. Mayor said that he had received no request for an investigation of the locket episode by the city government. He expressed the belief that the police commission is competent to conduct such an investigation.

Mrs. Norman Pultz, Spencer's sister, was the only sister who, prisoner, had yesterday at the Hampshire county jail. William Spencer, brother of Bertram, who was here last week, has returned to his home in Boston, and Mrs. Wilbur L. L. Spencer, the prisoner's mother, has gone to her home in Lebanon, Conn.

Deputy Sheriff Nathaniel Wade said that no move has been made to secure counsel for the accused man, and it is probable that the commonwealth will assign counsel when the case comes to trial.

IMPORTANT PLANS DESTROYED.

Original Ones Uninjured by Fire in the
Draughting Department.

Camden, N. J., April 12.—The working plans for the American dreadnaughts, Arkansas and Utah, and the battleship New Irene were destroyed by fire to-day in the draughting department of the New York Ship Building company. The original plans, in the treproof safe, are believed to be uninjured.

WHOLE ESTATE TO FAMILY.
Widow and Daughter of Thomas F.
Walsh Got Nearly \$100,000.

Washington, D. C., April 12.—Mrs. Carrie B. Walsh, the widow, and Mrs. Evelyn McLean, the daughter, got practically the whole estate of the late Thomas F. Walsh. He left \$100,000 to charity. The estate was estimated at \$100,000.

AGREED ON ARBITRATION.
No Strike Talk, Although No Agree-
ment Was Reached on Wage Increase.

New York, April 12.—The New York trainmen, conductors and officials fail to agree on the demanded wage increase. Both sides agreed to arbitration, and there was no strike talk.

PLAINFIELD.
Gardner Noble is working in the
cemetery.

Dan LeVany is at work for A. M. Cate of North Montpelier.

Harry Parks was in Cabot and Walden recently on a business trip.

George Bliss of Marshfield was in town Saturday on business.

Theron Pike, a former resident, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

William Mead is spending a few weeks with relatives in Binghamton, Mass.

Dr. Stewart will have charge of the
American Order of Foresters during the
absence of Dr. Stephenson.

KENWORTHY—CHADWICK.

Home Wedding at Randolph Yesterday,
Rev. Mr. Cooper Officiating.

Randolph, April 12.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Chadwick was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday, when their only daughter, Winifred Isabelle, was married to Charles Franklin Kenworthy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Kenworthy of Waterbury, Conn. The ceremony, which took place at high noon, was performed by Rev. Mr. A. L. Cooper, and the double ring service was used.

The bride was attended by Miss Marie Thayer of Waterbury, Conn., who was becomingly attired in a delicate shade of green, while the bride was gown was becoming traveling dress of blue with large black belt. The best man was Fred Chadwick, the only brother of the bride, who also resides in Waterbury, Conn. The home was made unusually attractive by the aid of palms and ferns.

Miss Blanche Spaulding of Barre played the wedding march as the bride party entered the parlor and during the entire ceremony gave selections in soft music, which added much to the impressiveness of the occasion. Only the immediate families and a few intimate friends were present.

Following the ceremony, a wedding lunch was served and the couple left by automobile for Woodstock, N. H., after which they will return to Waterbury, Conn., for a permanent residence. Among those from out of town who were present were Mrs. Abel Kenworthy, the mother of the groom, Mrs. Russell, a sister, Miss Marie Thayer, and Fred Chadwick, all of Waterbury. Mrs. Spaulding of Barre, the wife of an East Brainerd, the bride is well known in social circles here, where she has lived since childhood, and is endowed with many accomplishments and a genial disposition, which has made her an acknowledged leader among the young people of the city.

For several years she was the efficient assistant in the post office, where she gained an extensive acquaintance and later has been employed in the insurance office of J. H. DuBois. Mr. Kenworthy is a mechanical engineer in Waterbury where he holds a prominent position with the American Brass company, besides doing much other work along the same line. The hearty good wishes of all will attend the happy couple, and the esteem in which the bride was held here was evidenced by the numerous gifts of gold, silver, china, linen and best of all, a check for a given sum of money, which were presented.

RUTLAND CHOSEN
For Meeting of Vermont State Log Roll-
ing Association.

Burlington, April 12.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Vermont State Log Rolling association, held in this city, it was decided to hold the annual meeting in Rutland, on the 24th of June. On the evening preceding the meeting, Alpha drill team of this city will give an exemplification of the new secret work. The program of sports has not yet been fully decided upon, but they will take place in the afternoon and the meeting will close with a social evening.

The committee considered the proposition of Burlington and other points but Rutland was chosen as the most favorable.

Several teams have now announced their intention of entering the competition, including teams from Rutland, Montpelier, Barre, Orwell and St. Albans. The first prize will be of course the cup, but two additional prizes of money have been offered this year. The cup for the past two years has been the property of the local team and the team coming will win it permanently. At the meeting of the committee, William Thynne and Joseph Cote of this city were elected special auditors. They looked over the books and found the society to be in good financial condition. The other members of the committee present were James K. Pike of Granville, president of the C. S. S. of Rutland; Leslie Wright of Richmond, treasurer, and P. M. Libby of Brandon, secretary.

EXPECTED TO-NIGHT.
Fr. Rice to Be Consecrated as Bishop of
Burlington.

Burlington, April 12.—The Rt. Rev. J. J. Rice, D. D., is expected to arrive in the city to-night from Springfield, Mass., where he has been since he left his retreat. He will probably enter formally into authority at once, as the official bulls from Rome are now in his possession. These he will present to the Rt. Rev. J. M. Cleary, vicar-general of the diocese, who has been in charge of the affairs since the illness and death of the late Bishop Michael. The former visit to the city after he had shot Mrs. Mascott and with a black shield where his left eye once was. On the right cheek was a scar where the bullet had entered.

Once he was ushered before the jury box to permit the jurors to place their fingers in a depression in the skull, the result of an injury, it was said, when he was but six years old. They said they could feel the depression.

This depression, Dr. Wasson thought, might have had something to do with Mikales' mental condition; but he testified that the youth, now 30 years old, was congenitally deficient, that is, deficient from birth. Dr. Wasson noted the boy's under-size, his peculiar shaped head, the depression just mentioned; his immaturity of faculties; at times the patient was excited, confused, talked incoherently, frothed at the mouth, was profane and abusive in language, then serene or four days afterwards appeared depressed and would sit with his head on his hands; he would lose control of self, memory was hazy and he could not recall shooting Mrs. Mascott.

Constantly at the asylum Mikales had expressed the wish to die, but he was afraid it would hurt. In order to test the boy's sincerity, Dr. Wasson one day banded him two harmless pills and told him he could die by swallowing them; the boy accepted the pills, asked which way was east, prayed and then put the pills in his mouth, sitting down resignedly, as if to wait for death. Dr. Wasson said he was convinced the boy was not shamming, but was certain he had taken the step which would lead him to death.

Cross-examined, Dr. Wasson said it was not safe for the youth to be at large.

DINNER TO REV. FR. RICE.
Bishop Beaven of Springfield Honors
Coming Bishop of Burlington Diocese.

Springfield, Mass., April 12.—Rev. Joseph J. Rice, a well-known Catholic clergyman, who will next Thursday be ordained as bishop of Burlington diocese by Bishop Beaven of Springfield, was last night given a reception and dinner at St. Michael's hall with an attendance of about 130 priests of Springfield diocese.

The dinner was a strictly informal affair, given by Bishop Beaven, in recognition of the honor to be conferred upon the guest of the evening, who is a close personal friend of many clergymen in this vicinity. Bishop Beaven presided at the dinner, calling upon several of these present for impromptu speeches. The arrangements were in charge of Manager John T. Madden.

NOT GUILTY
SAYS JURYBecause James Mikales Was
Insane

VERDICT THIS AFTERNOON

Young Man Shot and Killed Mrs. C. G.
Mascott in Barre on July 25 Last,
and Then Tried to Kill
Himself.

A verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity was returned by the jury in Washington county court at two o'clock this afternoon, in the case of State vs. Demetrius, or James, Mikales, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maud Kelly Mascott in Barre on July 25 last, the young clerk, who was a member of her household in the Eastman block. After his act, young Mikales tried to commit suicide, but the bullet wound in the head did not prove fatal, although it destroyed the left eye and injured the other. The case has been on trial for two days.

After the verdict, Judge Butler ordered the young man into the care of Sheriff Tracy, to be placed in the state asylum at Waterbury until final orders could be made for committing him to some asylum. The prisoner did not seem to understand the verdict, but he smiled when his counsel whispered to him.

William Conner, a Barre merchant, was the last state witness heard. He testified to-day as to the purchase of a revolver by the respondent. After him, the state rested its case, and the defense put on two witnesses, John Mikales, brother of the respondent, and Patrolman Harry Gamble of Barre.

John Mikales testified that his brother sustained an injury to the head by falling on rocks, that his sister tried to shoot an aunt; that James was a dull boy in school; that his brain seemed to be at a standstill. He also told about his brother's coming to the United States and to Barre. Patrolman Gamble testified to being called to the Barre City hospital to look after young Mikales shortly after the crime. He said the patient frothed at the mouth and acted wild.

With that the testimony of both sides was concluded, and State's Attorney Gates spoke for the state, asking for a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity, the name of the respondent can not be made public for this reason. Outside of the towns with over 5,000 population the work of taking the census may continue from April 15 to May 15. In the above mentioned class of towns, the enumerators will be given 15 days.

VERMONT LIBRARY NOTES.
Fletcher Library in Burlington Starts a
Branch.

The Fletcher Free library of Burlington has opened its first branch in the Neighborhood house of that city. The reading room is open three evenings a week, and though the patronage is small, it promises much for the future. The rooms will be closed during the summer, but the books will remain open in the Neighborhood during that time. Among the activities of the Fletcher Free library during the past year have been a new registration of borrowers, establishment of a pay duplicate collection of newest fiction, the circulation of the unbound numbers of periodicals, and an exhibition of field and garden flowers from April to October.

A beautiful site has been purchased for the Bixby Memorial library of Vergennes, and the trustees are looking over plans of library buildings preparatory to building. The new library already has a good collection of books, and in its new quarters promises increased usefulness.

STRUCK ON HEAD.
Fred E. Stone of Brattleboro Thrown
from Team.

Brattleboro, April 12.—Fred E. Stone, a foreman for E. Crosby, was injured yesterday afternoon while driving on Oregon street. His horse slipped and Stone was thrown. He struck on his head and was unconscious for nearly an hour.

REULBACH BETTER.
Crisis in His Sickness Is Expected To-
day.

St. Louis, April 12.—Following a third anti-toxin treatment yesterday, E. Reulbach, pitcher for the Chicago Nationals, who is seriously ill with diphtheria, was said to be resting more comfortably. The crisis is expected to-day. His physician declares it will be at least a month if Reulbach recovers, before he will be able to don a uniform again.

WAS DROWNED
BY OWN ACTMrs. Emily Johnson Colburn
of Rutland, a Suicide

BODY FOUND IN A BROOK

Since the Recent Death of Her Husband,
Horace E. Colburn, She Had Brood-
ed Over It—That Was Cause
of Her Suicide.

Rutland, April 12.—Mrs. Emily Johnson Colburn, widow of Horace E. Colburn, a prominent Rutland man, who died recently of pneumonia, committed suicide early this morning by drowning in a small brook near her home. Melancholia over her husband's death is the cause assigned for her act. Mrs. Colburn left the house at an hour when her daughter, Bertha, and her son, Horace, were still sleeping and threw herself into the water. Mrs. Colburn was 56 years of age and always lived in Rutland. Horace Colburn, the son, is a student in Dartmouth college.

DELEGATES ARE
READY FOR CONFERENCE

Not So Many As Usual Are Expected
at Island Pond. Conference Formally
Opens To-morrow.

Island Pond, April 12.—Delegates to the Vermont Methodist conference are arriving by every train to-day, and by the time the conference actually opens to-morrow morning, it is expected that nearly two hundred will be here. The attendance will not be quite so large as usual probably because Island Pond is not so accessible to some parts of the state as might be supposed. Examinations were held to-day, there being fifteen candidates. This evening there will be the Epworth league anniversary, presided over by Rev. E. M. Randall of Chicago.

Bishop McIntyre of St. Paul, one of the foremost pulpits of the present time, will preside over the conference. A number of clergymen have died during the year, and a memorial service will be held to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock.

MERELY SIMPLE ASSAULT?
Verdict Against Man Charged with
Shooting Another.

Burlington, April 12.—The case of state vs. Dominick Frangesi, charged with assault with intent to kill and murder, was given to the jury at five o'clock yesterday afternoon and at eight o'clock in the evening the jury returned a verdict of guilty of simple assault. The respondent was charged with shooting Dominick Stortorio and Joseph Doran. John Ada, another Italian, was also concerned in the fracas, which occurred in Winslow last winter.

Ada testified yesterday, saying that he considered Doran the victim of this case. A number of clergymen have died during the year, and a memorial service will be held to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock.

2,000 GALLONS OF CIDER.
Officers Tare Seized It—Customs
Charged with Illegal Selling.

Rutland, April 12.—Louis Ducharme of Wallingford was before Justice Hadley yesterday as the result of the seizure of 2,000 gallons of hard cider at his store late Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff A. A. Leonard and Constable Robert Hopkins of Wallingford. The officers found 50 40-gallon casks of the apple juice in the cellar, which were locked and the casks and pockets the key.

The cider is claimed by a man named Hall from Chester and Joseph Duval of Wallingford. The state's attorney has received complaints that Ducharme has been selling by the gallon.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED.
William Knapp, Formerly of Middle-
bury, Arrested in Tennessee.

Middlebury, April 12.—William Knapp, who, it is said, has been giving worthless checks on the National Bank of Middlebury for the past few months, was arrested at Etowah, Tenn., Saturday night.

Mr. Knapp was in the piano business in this city about two years ago, representing Jacob Doll & Sons of New York, and it is said he embezzled about \$800 of their funds. Mr. Knapp has been spending most of his winter in Florida, Alabama, Carolina and Tennessee.

FIRM HAS NO ASSETS
But It Has An Aggregate of \$8,293.48 In
Debts.

Rutland, April 12.—E. L. Keyes of Worcester, Mass., and Edward A. Hills of Springfield, this state, who conduct a mercantile business at Springfield, yesterday filed a petition in bankruptcy both as a firm and as individuals.

The firm claims liabilities of \$8,293.48 and no assets. Mr. Hills has liabilities of \$2,200 and assets of \$515. Mr. Keyes has liabilities of \$2,800 and his assets are \$504.